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1. TO AVOID POSSIBLE CONFUSION WISH CLARIFY SERIES OF
EMERGENCIES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED HERE IN LAST FEW DAYS:
(A) THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEM IS THE FLOOD DAMAGE IN THE
GEZIRA AREA REPORTED IN SITREP 1. (B) IN ADDITION HEAVY
RAINS HAVE ISOLATED POCKETS OF PEOPLE IN THE SOUTHERN
REGION AND THERE ARE REPORTS OF FAMINE. SITREPS 2 AND 3 REFER
TO THIS PROBLEM WHICH AS YET HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN DECLARED
A NATIONAL DISASTER BY THE GOS. (C) TRANSPORTATION CONNECTIONS
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IN KASSALA PROVINCE TO THE EAST OF KHARTOUM HAVE BEEN CUT
AFFECTING THE SUPPLY OF FOOD TO VARIOUS ETHIOPIAN REFUGEE
CAMPS IN THE REGION. THE INFLUX OF NEW REFUGEES IN
RECENT DAYS ADDS TO THIS PROBLEM BUT NEITHER HAS IT YET
BEEN DECLARED A DISASTER AREA. (D) RAINS HAVE ALSO CUT THE
WATER SUPPLY AND TRANSPORTATION LINK TO PORT SUDAN. THE
GOS SEEMS TO BE COPING WITH THIS PROBLEM WITHOUT HELP.

2. CHARGE, AID REP AND DAO PLANNING AERIAL ASSESSMENT OF GEZIRA REGION JULY 27 ACCOMPANIED BY GOS AND OTHER DONOR OFFICIALS. WILL ASSESS ACCESS TO AREA VIA ALL WEATHER KHARTOUM TO WAD MEDANI ROAD, ACTUAL EXTENT OF FLOODING, SERVICEABILITY OF KOSTI AND WAD MEDANI AIR-FIELDS TO ACCEPT C-130 AIRCRAFT, AND EXTENT OF NEEDED RESCUE OPERATIONS. PHOTOS OF AREA WILL BE TAKEN AND HELICOPTER WILL LAND KOSTI AND WAD MEDANI.

3. GOS HAS ESTABLISHED COORDINATING COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY V.P. UNDP OFFICE ASSISTING COMMITTEE IN PLANNING AND COORDINATION WITH OTHER DONORS. SHOULD HAVE SOME ESTIMATE OF WHAT AND HOW U.S. CAN RESPOND TOMORROW. HOWEVER, IT LIKELY REQUEST AT LEAST WILL BE FOR FOOD, TENTS, BLANKETS, AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES. APPRECIATE ADVICE NEARBY AVAILABILITY ABOVE ITEMS, AND INITIAL THOUGHTS ON TIMING AND HOW SUPPLIES COULD BE BROUGHT TO SUDAN.

4. POSSIBLE NEED FOR AIRCRAFT SUPPORT AND JET FUEL WILL BE ADDRESSED LATER.

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